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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the November 5, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 5, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1440.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24065-004. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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